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VII. Other business

A. Draft medium-term plan for the period 2000–2005 related to conference services

Introduction and overview

1. At the 418th meeting, on 30 August 1999, the representative of the Secretariat drew the attention of the members of the Committee on Conferences to the draft medium-term plan for the period 2000–2005 for General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference services. In accordance with regulation 4.8 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, the programmes and subprogrammes of the proposed medium-term plan are reviewed by the relevant sectoral or functional intergovernmental bodies prior to their submission to the General Assembly. The proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002–2005 will be considered by the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session. The representative of the Secretariat informed the Committee that the part of the draft medium-term plan related to conference services was available for consideration by the Committee if it wished to review it at its present session.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to include consideration of the part of the draft medium-term plan for the period 2000–2005 related to conference services in the agenda for its substantive session of 1999, under the item entitled "Other business".

3. At its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, the Committee reviewed the draft medium-term plan for the period 2002–2005 related to conference services (A/AC.172/1999/CRP.7).

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Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee took note of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002–2005 related to conference services and recommended that its observations should be taken into account by the Secretary-General when submitting the final version of the proposed medium-term plan for programme 27.

B. Working methods of the Committee

5. At its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, the view was expressed that the Committee on Conferences could undertake a review of its working methods at an appropriate time.